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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS CONFERENCE, VARNA: TURKISH COMMENTS ON
UNFDAC DELIVERIES AND NEED FOR BOATS

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1. MISSION OFFICER QUERIED MR. GALE DAY, PROJECT OFFICER
FOR TURKEY, DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS (DND), CONCERNING
DELIVERY STATUS OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT BEING
PROVIDED TO TURKEY (PARA 5 REFTEL) BY UN FUND FOR DRUG
ABUSE CONTROL. (NOTE: DND IS EXECUTING AGENCY FOR UNFDAC
ON THIS PROJECT).

2. DAY EXPLAINED THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT UNDER
THE AGREEMENT IS OF TWO TYPES, THE FIRST BEING A RADIO
NETWORK FOR THE JANDARMA AND SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE.
THIS ARRIVED IN TURKEY FAIRLY WELL ON SCHEDULE EARLY
THIS MONTH. CONSULTANTS WILL VISIT TURKEY SHORTLY TO
VERIFY ITS PROPER INSTALLATION.

3. THE SECOND TYPE OF EQUIPMENT CONSISTED OF TELEX
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MACHINES FOR TURKISH CUSTOMS. DELAYS IN DEALING WITH
SUPPLIERS WERE ENCOUNTERED EARLY ON, BUT THE TELEX
MACHINES ARE NOW ON ORDER WITH DELIVERY EXPECTED EARLY IN
1979. THE DND IS URGING SUPPLIER TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY.

4. ON SUBJECT OF BOATS, MR. DAY CONFIRMED THAT UN/TURKEY
AGREEMENT FOR 1978/79 (EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1978) INVOLVES

UN PROVIDING TWO SPEED BOATS TO TURKISH CUSTOMS TO ASSIST
IN INTERCEPTING ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC. HE NOTED THAT,
AS STATED IN REPORT OF HIS MISSION TO TURKEY IN JUNE
1978 (PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED TO IO/HDC AND ANKARA), THE
TURKISH CUSTOMS "STATES AS ITS FIRST PRIORITY THE NEED FOR
SPEED BOATS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF COASTAL TRAFFIC"
(P. 2). IN VIEW OF THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM TO BE
ADDRESSED, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT A US CONTRIBUTION OF
SPEED BOATS WOULD COMPLEMENT AND SUPPLEMENT THE UN
CONTRIBUTION AND WOULD NOT BE A CASE OF UNNECESSARY
DUPLICATION. SORENSON

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